

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A method of manufacturing a bituminous coated aggregate mix, said method comprising at least the following steps:

- (a) ~~chippings~~ course aggregate are dried by heating;
- (b) an intermediate mix is formed by coating the ~~chippings~~ course aggregate with hot bitumen; and
- (c) wet sand is mixed with the intermediate mix obtained in step (b).